

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner states that the inventions of Groups I and II are related as process of making and product made under M.P.E.P. § 806.05(f) and that the product, as claimed, can be made by another and materially different process, such as using mixing and spin coating without heating. However, it is clear from the specification that the coated film is dried to remove organic solvent and without heating of some type the organic solvent would not be removed and the product of Group I would not be made. Therefore, the requirements of M.P.E.P. § 806.05(f) have not been met and it is requested that the claims of Groups I and II be rejoined and examined in the present application.

The Examiner states that the inventions of Groups I and III are related as product and process of use under M.P.E.P. § 806.05(h) and the product, as claimed, can be used in a materially different process, such as optical lens abrading.

However, the Examiner has set forth no reasons to support the assertion that the product of Group I could be used in a process involving optical lens abrading. Therefore, it is submitted that the requirements of M.P.E.P. § 806.05(h) have not been met and it is requested that the claims of Groups I and III be rejoined and examined in the present application.

Further, if the claims of Group I are ultimately found allowable, it is requested that the claims of Groups II and III be rejoined under M.P.E.P. § 821.04 and allowed in the present application, also.

Finally, Applicants traverse the Restriction Requirement on the grounds that thousands of U.S. patents have issued in which many more than three subclasses have been searched and the Patent and Trademark Office cannot reasonably assert that a burden exists in searching only three subclasses.

Accordingly, for the reasons presented above, it is submitted that the Patent and Trademark Office has failed to meet the burden necessary to sustain the Restriction Requirement. Withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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